

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present Amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed May 20, 2008, in the above-identified application.

Claims 2-17 are the claims currently pending in the present application.

Claims 15 and 17 are amended to clarify features recited thereby.

Rejection of Claims 3, 8, 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3, 8, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious from Joss et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,684,073 in view of Jo et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,810,250. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

According to an aspect of applicant's invention as claimed in claims 15 and 17, the contracted service module is able to determine whether a service generated by an event generator 11 of the home network can be provided to a currently roaming subscriber because the second data storage unit stores features data regarding contracted advanced services provided by the foreign network. (See, for example, Specification, page 7, line 24 – page 8, line 3).

The Examiner acknowledges that Joss does not disclose or suggest a second data storage unit operable to store identifying data, and to store, as features data, data regarding advanced services features of a foreign network, and a contracted service module being responsive to identifying data stored in the second data storage unit to provide contracted special services to a mobile subscriber unit in the foreign network in real time by referring only to the identifying data stored in the second data storage unit and to determine the location of the mobile subscriber unit, and by referring to the features data stored in the second data storage unit to determine whether the mobile subscriber unit is capable of receiving the contracted advanced services in the foreign network, as claimed in claims 15 and 17. However, the Examiner alleges that Jo discloses such features.

Jo discloses providing roaming services for a third generation mobile telecommunication network in which a visitor network gateway location register (GLR) is connected to a home network GLR so that the home network GLR can download subscriber information from the home network location register (HLR) and provide the information to the visitor network GLR (Jo, Abstract), and in this manner, the visitor network GLR does not have direct contact or access to the HLR, thus protecting or insulating the HLR from direct contact with the visitor network GLR (Jo, Abstract). An unstructured supplementary service data (USSD) handler is downloaded

to the visitor network GLR so that the roaming terminal is provided with the same application services in the visited network as in the home network, and additional service information stored in the home network HLR can be changed in the visitor network using man-machine interface (MMI) commands, including service codes, so that the mobile subscriber can change additional services information from anywhere (Jo, column 2, lines 50-63). Also, at column 9, lines 20-24, Jo provides that an area H of the home network GLR_A 19a stores changed additional service information received from the MMI command of the mobile terminal for storing in the visited network GLR_B 19.

Jo does not disclose or suggest a second data storage unit connected between the gateway and the home network or included in the home network and storing features data regarding contracted advanced services provided by the foreign network, as required by claims 15 and 17. Further, Jo does not disclose or suggest a contracted service unit that is part of a contracted service module connected between the gateway and the home network or included in the home network that, by referring to the features data stored in the second data storage unit, determines whether the mobile subscriber is capable of receiving the contracted advanced services in the foreign network, as further required by claims 15 and 17. As discussed, the home network GLR_A 19a of Jo has no information or features data regarding contracted advanced services provided by the foreign network.

Jo discloses that, in the home network, there is provided an application server 50 that provides information services, bank services or stock dealing services, as well as USSD server 52 connected to the application server to allow information to be outputted from a bank service server, stock dealing service server, and an information providing server to provide various services from the application server 50 to be used by a mobile terminal (Jo, column 8, lines 14-23).

The home network GLR_A 19a disclosed in Jo stores information in H area of its database based on changes of the MMI command from the mobile terminal, as transmitted from the visited network GLR_B 19 (Jo, column 9, lines 9-24). Accordingly, even taken together in combination, Joss and Jo do not disclose or suggest the recitations of claims 15 and 17.

Since claims 3 and 8 depend from claim 15, claims 3 and 8 are patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the same reasons.

Rejection of Claims 2, 5-7, 9-10 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2, 5-7, 9-10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious from Joss and Jo in view of Nilsson, International Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/10109. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Nilsson does not cure the above-discussed deficiencies of Joss and Jo as they relate to the above-noted features of claim 15. Further, the Office Action does not allege that Joss and Jo disclose or suggest such features. Therefore, since claims 2, 5-7, 9, 10 and 12-14 depend from claim 15, claims 2, 5-7, 9, 10 and 12-14 are patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the same reasons.

Rejection of Claims 4, 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious from Joss and Jo in view of Yamaguchi et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,931).

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious from Joss, Jo and Yamaguchi in view of Nilsson.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Joss and Jo in view of Rosenberg et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0013434. Reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested.

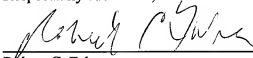
Yamaguchi, Nilsson and Rosenberg do not cure the above-discussed deficiencies of Joss and Jo as they relate to the above-cited features of claim 15. Further, the Office Action does not allege that Yamaguchi, Nilsson and Rosenberg disclose or suggest such features. Therefore, since claims 4, 11 and 16 depend from claim 15, they are patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing discussion, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims of the application are respectfully requested.

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